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Supplemental/Follow Up
DCFS Letter

Reporting Officer
P18 BENJAMIN C. BENTLEY

Reported Status

Current Status

Information

Location **IGLOO TRAILER COURT**
2830 4TH ST
Peru, IL 61354

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Occurred **06/26/2015** **Friday** **8:33**

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Date **07/30/2015**

I, Ofc. Bentley, received a letter from DCFS in my department mailbox, concerning this case. The letter stated that the investigation was "unfounded" (See included).

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PATROL OFFICER

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Approved By **P02 ROBERT A. PYSZKA**
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

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I, Ofc. Bentley, was called to the lobby for a walk in report. I met with Gordon Pearson and brought him into the Interview Room. Gordon told me the following information. Gordon told me his friend Julia Eickmeier has a 2 year old daughter, Madeline Kramer. Gordon told me he is over at Julia's a lot, but they are not seeing each other. Gordon told me a lot of times when Madeline Kramer's father, Kevin Kramer, brings her home from visitation, she is grabbing her "crotch", saying "owie", and walking funny, as if something sexual had been going on. Gordon told me that Madeline tends to cry for long periods of time after being with Kevin. Gordon told me he does not know what to do, but has a feeling something is going on when Madeline is with Kevin. Gordon told me he is friends with both parties and was initially unsure if he wanted his name to be in the report, but told me I could use his name in the report. I asked Gordon if Julia had made the same observations before and he stated that she had. Gordon told me that he thought that Julia has reported this before and used him as a witness, but no one has ever talked to him about it. I checked our in house computer and found no specific reports concerning any sexual abuse regarding Madeline. I advised Gordon I would conduct a welfare check on Madeline and speak with Julia about this matter and would more than likely call DCFS and make a report with them.

Ofc. Sines and I went to the residence and met with Julia, who seemed to be waiting for us to arrive. Julia told us that she had received a call from Gordon, stating that she should be expecting us to come and visit her. I asked her if she knew what we were there for and she acknowledged that she did. I asked her what she was suspecting was going on with Madeline and she advised us of the following information in summary. Julia told us that she suspects some sexual abuse is going on with Madeline. Julia told us that when Madeline was 7 months old, the courts ordered her to give visitation to Kevin and his family. Julia told us Madeline was with the Kramer's for a week and when she returned, her sleeping pattern was not the same, she did not seem to be a happy baby anymore and that she noticed that her vagina was swollen and appeared to be protruding and was giving an odd discharge. Julia advised that she took Madeline to Ottawa Regional Hospital, because that is where her pediatrician was at, but that the hospital told her they were not equipped to handle sexual assaults and told her to take Madeline to Saint Francis in Peoria. Julia then told us that she spoke to someone at Ottawa Regional Hospital first on the phone and they told her they were not equipped to handle a sexual assault and told her to take her to Peoria and she then spoke to someone in Peoria over the phone, who told her to take her to Ottawa Regional Hospital, which she did and then she was directed to Peoria again, who did not have an appointment for a week. Julia told me she did not take Madeline to Peoria, because after a day the swelling went away and the discharge stopped. Julia told us every time she sends Madeline to Kevin for visitation, she comes back in the same state, in which she is touching her vaginal area, walking funny and crying, sometimes throughout the

night. Julia told us these are indicators to her that some sexual abuse is going on. Julia told us that she has taken Madeline to Princeton Hospital, Mendota Community Hospital and even IVCH, after Madeline has been brought back and all of them say there is not enough physical evidence, such as vaginal tearing, bruising or semen. Julia told us nothing is ever done about the fact that she believes her daughter is being sexually abused by Kevin. Julia told us she has tried calling DCFS several times and nothing is done through them either.

We explained to Julia that we found it odd that she would take Madeline to the hospitals and DCFS and the police are never contacted to investigate. Julia told us the hospitals usually tell her to call DCFS herself and that they then do nothing. We advised Julia that we find that odd, as well, as Doctors and Nurses are mandated reporters, just as we are and would have to call if they saw a case of sexual abuse in a child. We also explained to her that all hospitals handle sexual assault cases and she told us that Ottawa Regional Hospital is a Level 3 and Peoria is a Level 1 and only Level 1 hospitals have sex assault kits. We advised Julia that was not true, as IVCH has sex assault kits. Julia told us the pediatrician at Ottawa quit her practice after the incident in Ottawa.

Julia went on telling us that when Madeline is suppose to go to Kevin's, she cries and does not want to go. Julia told us that Madeline appears scared of Kevin and for that matter of any male, unless she knows them well. Julia told us Madeline is very smart, counts to 20 and sings songs, but cannot communicate very well. We asked if Julia has ever tried to talk to Madeline about this matter and she told us that she does not feel that Madeline needs to know what is going on and does not want to teach her about this because of her age.

Julia told us on June 14, she observed Kevin touch Madeline in an inappropriate manner, which she explained to us as he tickled her vaginal area, on top of her clothes. Julia told us she made a report with the LaSalle Police Department, but they are doing nothing about it, as they say that it was not inappropriate. Julia told us that she does not like the LaSalle Police Department and will do nothing with them, unless her attorney is involved. I requested Dispatch get a copy of the report from LaSalle PD (See included).

Madeline had been in her room sleeping at our arrival, but woke up sometime during our visit. Julia brought Madeline out to the living room area and she seemed happy and did not seem concerned even once with my presence.

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We explained to Julia that this matter may be turned over to our Detectives. We advised Julia that we would be contacting DCFS on the matter. We advised Julia that Detectives may want Madeline to go to a CAC interview if needed and Julia advised that she has spoken to them before and they advised that Madeline is too young. It was suggested that Julia seek out a child psychologist for Madeline. Julia advised that she is withholding visitation from Kevin, which DCFS stated was the right thing to do, because of this matter. Julia told us Kevin has not had his own visitation with Madeline in about 2-3 weeks. We advised Julia that if she did allow visitation and Madeline came back in the same state, she should contact our department and then take her to IVCH for an evaluation. Julia advised that she may not act the same when taken to the hospital. I suggested she call us so we can come see how she is acting and then we could take her to the hospital and she stated that Madeline would more than likely not act the same and cling to her and not display the same behavior. I advised Julia she should still call us. We departed the residence at that time.

I contacted DCFS and spoke with Janis Karasch, who advised the call would be documented. Janis advised that someone other than Julia had called and made a similar report yesterday and they would add my report to that call and an investigator may be contacting me.

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